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The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator DeConcini:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 2 February 1988 concerning the review by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) of the General Accounting Office of efforts made by the Government of Mexico to resolve the murder of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena.

As you know, the Department of Justice is conducting an ongoing criminal investigation into the Camarena murder, with a number of indictments having been handed down recently. Under these circumstances, we do not believe that it would be appropriate for Central Intelligence Agency officers to discuss the case with GAO investigators at this time.

However, we have been in contact with OSI Supervisory Special Agent, Jack Taylor, and have arranged a classified analytical briefing for Mr. Taylor and his colleagues at CIA Headquarters in order to illuminate the backdrop against which the murder occurred and to address general issues of regional narcotics interdiction.

I trust that this briefing will be helpful to GAO's efforts on your behalf.

Sincerely

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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